

SPLIT PEAS

1. How would two halves of a pea that are stuck together with no seedcoat attached function in Split peas?

ANSWER. Unsplit peas without seedcoats shall be considered whole peas. Two halves of a pea that are misaligned but stuck together shall be considered split peas.

2. What do split Marrowfat Peas function as when found in Green Split Peas?

ANSWER. Green Split Peas.

3. Since Marrowfat peas may be used in the production of green split peas, are any restrictions imposed on the amount of marrowfats that may be included when a contract stipulates that split peas be processed from whole Smooth Green Dry Peas?

ANSWER. Yes, 1.5%. When this limit is exceeded, the split peas will be considered to have been processed from Mixed Dry Peas, not Smooth Dry Peas. If this should occur, a qualifying statement is to be included in the remarks section of the certificate explaining the reason for the nonconformance.

4. The chapter for Split Peas defines, in part, the insects which function as weevils in the determination for insect infestation. It states that "Other live insects" shall include beetles, moths, meal worms, and other insects injurious to stored peas. To further define "other insects injurious to stored peas" should we refer to the USDA-ARS, Agricultural Handbook 500, "Stored-Grain Insects?"

ANSWER. Yes. If two or more live insects are found, consider the Splits Peas to be "U.S. Sample Grade." One can also view images of insects on the GIPSA website.

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